

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph number 32 on page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Footwear 10 includes an upper 22, and an outsole 24 secured at least about its peripheral edge to upper 22. As seen in FIG. 3, outsole 24 may be secured to upper 22 by way of stitching 26. In other preferred embodiments, outsole 24 may be secured to upper 22 by an adhesive, or any other suitable fastener. Outsole 24 is preferably a flexible insulating material such as neoprene foam, closed cell foams, polyether and polyester based PU foams, thermoplastic foams, or polymer blends incorporating expanding polymeric or glass microspheres. In certain preferred embodiments, ~~outsole 23~~ outsole 24 is formed of a material that would not increase in weight by soaking up water or trapping sand particles. In other preferred embodiments, an insulating foam may be laminated together with a textile covering or secondary polymer coating, thereby providing an additional durable covering to prevent abrasion and wear. Other suitable materials for outsole 24 will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art, given the benefit of this disclosure.--

Please replace paragraph number 38 on page 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A strap 46 has a first end 48 that is secured to medial side 12 of wrap 38. In the illustrated embodiment, strap 46 is secured to wrap 38 slightly above outsole 24. ~~Strap 40~~ Strap 46 may be secured to wrap 38 by stitching 50 or other suitable fastening means. ~~Strap 40~~ Strap 46 extends across an instep of upper 22 to lateral side 14 of midfoot portion 18. A fastener 52 releasably secures strap 40 to wrap 38. In the illustrated embodiment, a second end 54 of strap 40 includes a first portion 56 of fastener 52. A second portion 58 of fastener 52 is secured to wrap 38. Each of first and second portions 56, 58 may be, as illustrated, one of a hook and loop portion of a hook and loop fastener.--